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For: SOLUTION AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING BIOCHIP)
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

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